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DPAL Newsletter

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Newsletter articles and pieces are due to Valerie by the 15th of the month. Typed pieces are preferred via e-mail, on disk, faxed or put in the Newsletter drawer at the league. Please put submissions on *full* pieces of paper so they don't get lost! Thanks.

Illinois Watercolor Society

The Illinois Watercolor Society will meet at Blick Art Materials store in Wheaton (79 Danada Square East) on Tuesday, February 9 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Dick Shipley will be there to do a demo as part of the morning activities. The public is welcome to attend. Call 630.653.0569.

President's Letter

Dear DPAL Members,

Your support for Yuletide Treasures put us over the top. We exceeded our expected revenues by almost half. That will really help us go forward with some changes we'd like to make at the front desk. Again, our thanks to board member Jan Dunteman who worked with Yvonne Thompson and her committee, and to all who brought in wonderful handmade gift items for the sale.



Keep Saturday March 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. free to visit the league while we host Dillman's for part of their Mid Winter Art Festival. You'll see artists in action throughout the day. We know that the following presenters are scheduled: Tom Lynch, Ellen Roles, Bob Guge and Mark Southard with more to be announced at a later date. It will be a great pick-me-up at the end of winter. They will be at Blinks in Wheaton on Friday March 12 as well.

We've updated our Calling Post to include each current member's name. Let us know if you are not getting a message, usually the second Saturday in the month right before our programs on Monday. 630.844.1928

We hope you have checked out our class schedule and plan to join us.

"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul and paints his own nature into his pictures."
– Henry Ward Beecher

See you in class,

Tanya Berley

January Award Winners... "New Beginnings"

Best of Show

Marge Hall, "Fresh Blooms," Oil

Theme Awards

Karen Seymour-Ells, "Choices 1," Enamelled Copper

Special Merit Awards

Vic Harris, "New Growth," Photo

Liz Morton Hernandez, "Sisters," Pastel

Hugh Skibbens, "Winter's Final Hold," Watercolor

Merit Awards

Jay Davis, "New Garden," Acrylic

Gordon France, "Early Morning Painting," Oil

Lisa Garrison, "Learning to Cook," Watercolor

Thomas Gorman, "New Petersburg, Alaska," Lithograph

Joan Kalmanek, "New Day, Jaipur," Photo

Kerry Leibowitz, "Aspen Grove Dawn," Photo

Dee Leppin, "Flying Over the High One," Pastel

Paul Nemejc, "First Flight," Gouache

Joan Rieck, "Anticipation," Oil Pastel

Stefanie Taranto, "New Horizons," Oil Pastel

Yvonne Thompson, "Genesis," Glass

Ann Tomkins, "Bloodroot," Watercolor

Judge

Michael Nevin, Elmhurst. Painter of watercolor and acrylic urban scenes and landscapes but specializing in equestrian subjects. Studied at California School of Fine Art and graduated from Cleveland Institute of Art. Signature member of American Academy of Equine Art and the American Watercolor Society. Recipient of numerous awards, participant in many exhibits. Represented by Cross Gate Gallery, Lexington and Bonfoey Company, Cleveland and in private collections.

Oil & Acrylic Workshop with Bonnie Casey

Join award-winning artist Bonnie Casey at the Rock River Valley Artists Oil & Acrylic Workshop from June 21-25 in beautiful downtown Oregon, IL (located at Rt. 64 & Rt. 2) at Conover Square 201 N. 3rd St. *Presented by The Fields Project.*

For more information about this workshop, visit www.fieldsproject.com/artist-workshop.html.

A Brand New Year in Collectors' Corner!

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Happy New Year everyone! Thank you all for picking up your artwork from Yuletide Treasures so promptly. Remember, it must be picked up before the beginning of February or it will become the property of the Art League.

Thank you also to all of you for making Yuletide Treasures a wonderful success. To those of you who came in to close the show down, what a great team you were! We were finished in record time.

The art league took well over \$14,000 in sales from November until Christmas Eve. Most things were \$20 and below. That was a **lot** of items sold. Thank you to everyone who worked the at front desk—without you there would have been no sales! Also, thank you to Mary Kent Goebel for her generous donations of some of her paintings. By the time you read this, I think all the checks will have been sent out, so call me if you have any discrepancy.

Now Collectors' Corner is back to normal and we have some wonderful new and stunning items that are on display. Marge Hall has some of her pop can top jewelry that was so popular at Christmas. I have some soy jar candles that have some of my glass jewelry hidden inside, and Vicki Hollingsworth has some pretty magnets and bookmarks. There is also a bunch of new cards on the racks especially one of a Suzanne Mission painting. All **very** affordable and perfect for a birthday or Valentine's Day gift. So guys, (and gals!) no excuses!

In Memoriam

Dr. Frederick Kuharich (1921-2009), co-founder of Glen Ellyn Clinic and member of DuPage Art League passed away in December. The same attributes that made Dr. Frederick Kuharich a gifted and beloved physician also came through on the canvas when he painted, his loved ones say. With a keen eye for detail, his landscapes, street scenes and still lifes were exhibited both locally and in Chicago.

"He carried his art supplies everywhere he went," said his wife of 40 years, Wanda. "He loved painting and he loved sharing his talent with others."

Our condolences go out to Dr. Kuharich's family.

Exhibits

Jan Dunteman, V.P. of Exhibits

Newsletter deadlines come well before they are received in your homes. As I write this, we have a week and a half of shopping days left for Yuletide Treasures. I am proud to say that YT has been a great success once again. We are meeting our financial goals with this major fund-raiser...And we have introduced ourselves to more of the general public and given many of our members the opportunity to sell their work.

The galleries have been filled with wonderful objects since the first week of November and have been kept fresh looking throughout the holiday season. Artists were contacted as their work sold and asked to bring more. (We chained Julie Luetke to her work bench to make more hats and sheep ornaments. We have ways my pretties.) The hours spent making this all happen is astronomical, but I like to think we are part of that spirit of Christmas that says we do it out of love for the league and our fellow artists.

Our chief elf in the workshop is Yvonne Thompson. Her mind and her hands are constantly working on new ideas for the galleries as well as helping individual artists with their presentations. Yvonne's right hand is Suzanne Massion who handles the paperwork – checking in new products and tracking sales. That job is so time-consuming and requires a great deal of patience. **Thank you Yvonne and Suzanne!**

Also, a big **thank you to Kay Wahlgren** for doing the windows again. What will you do next year? See...it starts all over again in January.

I will not list everyone who helped this year, because I will miss someone's name. Know that it totals more than sixty: 12 to set up, another 12 to take down and package what's left. Then there are the angels who work the desk. Members who have work in Yuletide Treasures are required to put in 4 hours. This year's group has been wonderful about signing up. Many have worked more than their share. The greatest angels have been the regular front desk staffers who have put in extra time. We couldn't do this without you! Most of all I want to thank all the members who did their shopping in our Holiday Shop. You can't find any of this stuff in the malls, can you?

We will be back to "normal," if there is such a thing, in January. Always check pages 9 and 10 in the Activity Schedule for theme titles and descriptions. Please remember, they are meant to stimulate your creativity and get you "out of your box." Gallery II shows begin in February. See the schedule printed elsewhere. I really would like to see greater attendance by our members at the receptions. Their work is among the best we have to offer. Receptions are usually held the first Friday evening from 7-9 pm or the first Sunday afternoon from 2-4 pm. Check the newsletter each month.

Board Notes

- The board decided to refuse credit card purchases at the front desk for less than ten dollars because we do not make a profit on these transactions and it costs us money to accept them. Staffers...please note this change in procedures.
- The board is in the process of looking at bids for completing the electrical work on the back on the building.
- A computer demonstration on "point of sale" was given to the board. The goal is to have something up and running by May 1, 2010.
- Julie Luedtke, membership chair, will be on sabbatical for the next two months and Tammy will be in charge until Julie gets back. Ann Johnson is working on a list of members that are willing to get their newsletter via e-mail. We currently have 430 members in DPAL.
- Carol Kincaid announced that five adults have requested scholarships for classes at DPAL.
- A volunteer is needed to be in charge of the calendar and front desk staffing. If you are interested call Berny Malovaney.
- The nominating committee may be calling you to be a member on the board. Offices that need to be filled are: President, Education, Office Manager, Exhibits, and Finance. If you would like one of these positions, call Kay Wahlgren. Please pick up your Yuletide Treasures paintings, etc., or they become the property of DPAL on January 31, 2010.
- The bi-laws have officially been approved.



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Teacher Feature



Each month we'd like to tell you a little bit about one of our teachers. This month we are featuring Traci Limes. Traci works in colored pencil and has been teaching at the league for two years. She has a bachelors degree in art education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and a masters in general education. She completed the botanical program at the Morton Arboretum in 2004.

Traci knows that drawing in pencil requires patience, but by drawing every day you can see steady progress.

One of her goals as a teacher is to get students to leave their comfort zones. She enjoys seeing the different ways students respond, with no two

alike, and also that students learn from each other. Something you wouldn't know about her is that she took a trip to Costa Rica with the Arboretum, her first without family.

Check out her classes on Wednesday mornings for winter and spring.

Workshop Opportunities at Addison Art Guild

Gerardo Valerio Trigueros will give an acrylic painting workshop on Thursday, February 4 and Friday, February 5 from 9:30 am to 4 pm at Addison Community Park District. For more information, please call 630.543.4100, ext. 7416.

Mark Pflughoeft will lead a Painting Acrylic on Glass workshop on Saturday, March 13 at the Addison Park District from 9:30 am to 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call 630.543.4100, ext. 7416 before March 3.

February's New And Renewing Memberships

Diane Cicora (CIC)
11501 W. 73rd Place
Borr Ridge, IL 60527
630.662.8688

Donna Crabtree (CRN)
822 E. Liberty Dr.
Wheaton, IL 60187
630.690.0276

Denise A. Fisk (FIS)
408A Flanagan Cr.
Minooka, IL 60447

Julie Gubbins (GUJ)
0N760 Partridge Dr.
Wheaton, IL 60187
630.765.7111

Gloria Moses (MOG)
21036W McGilvary Dr.
Lockport, IL 60441
815.436.3807

April Murphy (MUR)
30W.536 Arbor Lane
West Chicago, IL 60185
630.231.3972

Deanna Mustafa (MUS)
0S772 Forest St.
Winfield, IL 60190
630.776.4049

Sandy Tucker (TUC)
2N771 Anderson Ct.
West Chicago, IL 60185
630.293.5689

Dillman's 2010 Creative Workshop Schedule Online

Explore the 2010 Workshop Schedule which offers 55 internationally known instructors teaching courses in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, photography, personal growth and more in state-of-the-art lakeside studios. For complete information on all 2010 workshops, visit www.dillmans.com, email art@dillmans.com, or call 715.588.3143.

Dillman's Creative Arts is now on Facebook—Become a fan at facebook.com/artworkshops! Facebook fans receive invitations to members-only events, discounts on workshops and are the first to know about our workshops. Be part of an online community of individuals that pursue their creative passions and fulfill their artistic dreams while enjoying the peace and serenity of beautiful northern Wisconsin.

News from the Alliance of Fine Arts

If you are interested in learning about ways to market your art, besides exhibiting in art fairs, plan to attend a workshop called Beyond the Tent presented by AFA on Saturday, February 27 in Glen Ellyn. The cost is \$50 if registered by February 1 and includes breakfast and lunch. Call 815.341.1145. Entry form is available at www.allianceoffineart.org.

For all artists who want to be in the AFA talent directory, the deadline for filing is February 14. Application forms are available at www.allianceoffineart.org.

Gary Wick Published

Gary Wick will be in the upcoming issue of the "Best of America Pastel Artists Vol. II" (Copyright 2009 by Kennedy Publishing). It's a visual expose of 63 artists' works which will be in the bookstore and on the newsstands soon.

He was allowed to show three images, two from his Venice series and the third is a sunset from Door County, WI. If you want to see an amazing diversity of pastel, this issue is a visual experience well worth the time and effort. Also in this issue you'll see works by Nancy King-Mertz, Brian Sauerland who are fellow Chicago Pastel Painter (CPP) members. Also, Lynn Miller CPP is in the book; her art can be seen as part of the Dick Blick advertisement page on the inside back cover.

This particular volume exhibits selected artist from "K" through "Y." These four artists' are members of several art leagues within the Chicago land area. Note too that all of the artist's in this printing have website accessibility and gallery acknowledgement.

Gary was also interviewed and published in the April 2009 issue of American Artist magazine, a goal he had set as a youngster so many years ago. Dreams sometimes do come true.

Gallery II Show Features Ron Trzos

The Gallery II show features Ron Trzos has been making paintings and sculptures for almost 30 years. It all started when he took some night courses at Morton College in Berwyn...just as something to do! Ron did mostly sculptures at first, but after taking some courses at COD he branched ff into watercolor and oil paintings. He still enjoys taking classes at COD. Ron joined DPAL about five years ago, and he's been submitting paintings just about every month since then (it keeps me working!).

He has won awards for religious paintings at Fran Angelico exhibits and has sold some paintings at DPAL. He also enjoys doing portrait paintings and simply loves painting as a hobby! Stop by and see his work.



From the Library

Barbara Grabowski, Library Volunteer

Here are some new titles in the library that our watercolor enthusiasts will find interesting. (Next month we'll feature another medium.)

- Blockley. Country Flowers in Watercolor.
- Couch. Watercolor; You Can Do It.
- Easton. Watercolor Flowers.
- Garcia. Mastering the Watercolor Wash.
- Hilder. Starting with Watercolor.
- Ranson. Learn Watercolor the Edgar Whitney Way.
- Szabo. Color-by-Color; a Guide to Watercolor.
- Weaver. Watercolor Simplified; a Fresh Approach to Painting Better and Faster with Confidence.
- Wiegardt. Watercolor; Free and Easy.

All of these may be found in the Watercolor section of the library.

Monday Evening Program Features Donna Sands

Contemporary Landscape Painting

February 15 – Refreshments 7 p.m., Program 7:30-9 p.m.

Donna Sands, painting professionally for the past sixteen years, has been showing artwork at galleries and art shows. Donna now concentrates full time on her lifelong passion... painting. She is the past curator of the Deer Path Gallery in Lake Forest. Sands has served on the boards of Deer Path Art League, Lake County Art League, and the Cultural Board at the College of Lake County. She now offers private and semi-private art classes, and summer plein air workshops.



For more than a dozen years, Sands operated her own business as an art director for a group of freelance designers, illustrators and photographers. She worked in the commercial art field for 21 years after receiving Bachelors in Art Degree, with high honors from Northeastern Illinois University in 1979.

Gallery representation includes ARTcetera Gallery, College of Lake County, Corner Stone, Artopia, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Fine Line Gallery, Ephraim, Wisconsin, Timmel Gallery, Saugatuck, Michigan, Franklin Barry Gallery, Indianapolis, IN.

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Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are on the **third Monday of each month (from September through April). Social hour is 7 p.m. and programs start at 7:30 p.m.** Mark your calendars and come!

Beat the Winter Blues with a Great Book

Delve into the lives of famous artists with these biographies. (Source: Marion Boddy-Evans – www.about.com)

This is a collection of highly readable and informative artist's biographies I've enjoyed. Biographies are great for finding out more about an artist's methods, their sources of inspiration, and their working life. I find reading biographies very motivating too, for the insights they provide into the day-to-day life of the person behind the paintings, and the practicalities and challenges of producing their art.

- Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life by Roxana Robinson
- Munch: His Life and Work by Reinhold Heller
- De Kooning: An American Master
- Utopia Parkway: The Life and Work of Joseph Cornell
- Art Lover: A Biography of Peggy Guggenheim
- The Girl with the Gallery by Lindsay Pollock
- Hidden in the Shadow of the Master by Ruth Butler
- Turner: a Life by James Hamilton
- The Judgement of Paris: Manet, Meissonier, and an Artistic Revolution
- Matisse Biography by Hilary Spurling
- Andrew Wyeth: A Secret Life by Richard Meryman

Happy reading!

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